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INFORMATION REQUESTED IS KEYED TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL:

1. ACREAGE IN CULTIVATION -- 325,000 ACRES IN COMMERCIAL FARMS.
TOTAL ACREAGE, INCLUDING SUBSISTENCE FARMS IS ABOUT 10 MILLION
ACRES.

2. AVERAGE SIZE OF COMMERCIAL FARMS IS ABOUT 5,000 ACRES.
GRZ DOES NOT HAVE FIGURES RE SIZE OF ZAMBIAN NON-SUBSISTENCE
FARMS VS. COMMERCIAL (EXPATRIATE OPERATED) FARMS.

3. PERCENTAGE OF CROPS HANDLED BY VARIOUS MARKETING BOARDS:

A) MEAT (COLD STORAGE BOARD) 100 PER CENT EITHER MARKETED
OR INSPECTED.

B) GROUND NUTS (EASTERN PROVINCE MARKETING UNION) 100 PER
CENT

C) TOBACCO (TOBACCO BOARD OF ZAMBIA) 100 PER CENT

D) COTTON (NAMBOARD) 100 PER CENT

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E) DAIRY PRODUCTS (DAIRY PRODUCTS BOARD) 90 PER CENT

F) MAIZE (NAMBOARD 100 PER CENT

4. 1973-1974 CORN PRODUCTION - 495,000 METRIC
TONS. CY 1973 CORN EXPORTS -- 50,086 METRIC TONS.
ESTIMATED CY 1974 CORN EXPORTS: TO ZAIRE -- 500,000
OF 90 KG BAGS; TO TANZANIA -- 500,000 BAGS.
PRICES OFFERED BY NAMBOARD 1974 HARVEST K4.30 PER 90
KG BAG, 1974 HARVEST K5.00.

5. 100 PER CENT OF COTTON GROWN BY NON-COMMERCIAL FARMERS.

6. COTTON GINNERIES ARE LOCATED AT LUSAKA AND CHIPATA.

7. SUGAR PRODUCTION:
1972 - 397,400 METRIC TONS
1973 - 446,350 METRIC TONS
1974 - 500,000 METRIC TONS (ESTIMATED)
ZAMBIA SUGAR ESTATES IS 51 PER CENT INDECO, 49 PER CENT
TATE AND LYLE. LONHRO SUGAR PROJECT NOT NOW UNDER ACTIVE
CONSIDERATION.

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